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BANDWIDTH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether `Bandwidth` facility available with VSNL is very small as compared to the Global Telecom infrastructure;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to upgrade the Bandwidth of VSNL to viably compete in the export market;

(c) whether the VSNL has started a drive known as `Operation Bandwidth`; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Availability of bandwidth with VSNL is commensurate with the size of service network and capacity requirement in India.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Under the Operation Bandwidth the following provisions are being made :

(i) Acquisition of adequate bandwidth based on anticipated demand.

(ii) Meeting all bandwidth requirements within 60 days (end to end provisioning) for capacity upto 2 Mbps and 90 days for capacity above 2 Mbps.

(iii) Online availability of information on bandwidth provisioning.

(iv) Speeding up processes of international tendering and bandwidth acquisition.

(v) National level co-ordination with a standing committee under the Chairmanship of Advisor (Operation), Department of Telecom Services to ensure final completion of all steps in provision of domestic and international legs.